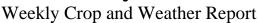


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Corn Harvest Nears Completion

There were 4.1 **days suitable for field work** for the week ending October 23, 2005. Air temperatures were in the 70's during the day and the 40's at night. **Corn** is 81 percent harvested, the same as last year and 2 percent above the five-year average.

Soybeans are 37 percent harvested, 9 percent above last year and 5 percent above the five-year average. The fourth cutting of **other hay** is 57 percent harvested and **alfalfa hay** is 87 percent harvested.

Planting of small grains progressed at a nice pace. **Barley** is over 74 percent planted, compared with 64 percent last week. **Wheat** is 40 percent planted, compared with 32 percent last week. Both crops are in good to excellent condition.

Pasture was rated in mostly fair condition while hay supplies were mostly adequate

MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 23, 2005 (PERCENT)

	This	Last	Last	Average	
Item	Week	Week	Year	2000-2004	
Harvesting Progress:					
Apples	95	92	90	89	
Corn for Grain	81	72	81	79	
Soybeans	37	29	28	32	
Planting Progress:					
Barley	74	64	78	78	
Winter Wheat	40	32	52	46	
Crop Progress:					
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	90	85	87	88	
Hay Harvested:					
Alfalfa Hay 4 th Cutting	87	86	86	87	
Other Hay 4 th Cutting	57	56	75	83	

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 23, 2005 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	
Topsoil Moisture	-	3	67	30	
Topsoil (2004)	-	9	74	16	
Five Year Average	2	20	72	6	
Subsoil Moisture	-	11	79	10	
Subsoil (2004)	2	6	83	9	
Five Year Average	5	23	67	5	

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 23, 2005

	Precipitation			Temperatures			
Weather Station	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	0.88	42.34	9.11	77	45	57	3
Easton	1.37	39.51	3.41	76	46	57	0
Frederick	1.27	34.71	2.53	77	45	55	5
Frostburg	1.02	32.00	-6.51	73	37	49	2
Hagerstown	0.69	26.95	-4.65	77	42	55	2
Mechanicsville	1.78	36.58	-0.40	76	43	56	2
Patuxent River	1.47	35.27	0.58	79	45	60	5
Ocean City	1.13	35.64	-1.35	77	44	60	5
Salisbury	1.23	41.30	3.68	76	38	58	3
Sharpsburg	1.17	32.61	0.43	78	40	53	3
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.65	37.54	5.95	79	48	60	2
Delaware							
Dover	1.99	43.36	6.71	75	45	58	2
Georgetown	1.55	37.88	1.61	77	45	60	5
Wilmington	1.02	32.33	-1.02	76	44	56	3

 $Weather\ Data\ is\ provided\ by\ the\ Agricultural\ Weather\ Information\ Service,\ Auburn,\ Alabama\ and\ is\ considered\ preliminary.$